MINUTES

Easton Historic District Commission Easton, Maryland

January 23, 2017

<u>Members Present:</u> Kurt Herrmann, Chairman, Robert Arnouts, Kelly Pezor and Kevin Gibson.

Members Absent: Bill Wieland, George Koste and Kevin Bateman.

Mr. Herrmann called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Opening statement given by the Chairman.

The Commission operates under the authority granted to it by section 701 of the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance. And, I hereby open the record of the public hearing on cases heard this evening and, in accordance with our legal responsibilities, I enter into the record the following items: notice of the public hearing, adopted design guidelines, resumes of commission members and any consultants used by the Commission, records of any previous meetings, and any letters to the Commission on a case.

The decisions of the HDC may be appealed within 30 days of approval. General Order of the hearing of Applications

Introduction of the application by the presiding officer

- Presentation by the applicant or his agent
- Questions by members of the Commission
- Public comment
- *Petitioner rebuttal*
- Discussion and consideration by the Commission
- Decision motion and statement of Basis for Decision

The applicant may withdraw the application at any time up to when the vote is taken. A Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse upon the expiration of the corresponding Building Permit. For applications that require a building permit but for which none is issued, this Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months after its issuance. In the event a building permit is not required, the Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months from its issuance if substantial work is not underway. For good cause shown, this period may be extended by the Commission.

I will now entertain a motion to accept the agenda for this evening. The agenda for the January 23, 2017 meeting was approved. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the January 9th minutes as written.

NEW BUSINESS:

1-2017 305 North Street Noah Matten, Owner.

Mr. Matten was before the Commission with a request to install a driveway along Aurora Street. Mr. Matten stated that he is working with the Town of Easton to obtain a curb cut. Proposed driveway would be gravel #57 stone. Upon motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mrs. Pezor the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the application as submitted.

Carlene Phoenix on behalf of the Housing Commission of Talbot was before the Commission with a request a 6x6 vinyl fence along rear boundary of Parcels 1465, 1466, & 1467. The Commission does not allow vinyl fences in the district. The Commission stated that the fence must be wood.

The applicant is also proposing to remove trees behind Parcel 1465 and tree beside house on Parcel 1466. He is proposing to trim trees behind house on Parcel 1466. The applicant provided the Commission with a letter from a licensed arborist stating that the trees should be removed.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnouts seconded by Mrs. Pezor the Commission voted 4-0 to approve the tree removal as submitted and approved a new wood fence either "Double Sided Oklahoma" Style with "Closed Spindle Top" (1st Choice) or "Double Sided Oklahoma" Style (2nd Choice).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by motion of Mr. Arnouts seconded by Mrs. Pezor.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacie S. Rice Planning Secretary